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RESPONSE TO 21 JANUARY 2003 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Smith:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated **1 January 2003** Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Election/Restriction	Sustained
Sequence Listing	New Sequence Listing Required
Title	New Title Required
Oath/Declaration	New Oath/Declaration Required
Specification	Informalities Need Correcting
Claim 16	Claim Objections - Informalities
Claims 6, 19 and 24	§ 112, ¶1 - <i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase I sequence needed
Claims 1-24	§ 112, ¶2 - various indefinite references
Claims 1-5, 7-18 and 20-23	§ 102(a) and (b) - Williams and Brandis
Claims 1, 3 and 4	§ 102(e)(2) - Patel et al.